14. Shri Hiranmay Kariekar, , "Member Senior Editor, Indian Express, New Delhi. * .- -(Nominee of Editor's Guild of India) .

15. Shri Main Farooqui, Member ' Editor, Arjgarey, Hyderabad. - . .
(Nominee of All India Smalt & Medium Newspapers .
. Association).

16. Shri K. Vikram Rao, 1 Member Correspondent, The Times of India, Lucknow. (Nominee of Indian Federation of Working Jo.nraalis.ts)

17. Shri B. V. Mallikarjunaiah, ; Member General Secretary of the Karnataka Union of Journalists, Bnngalore.
(Nominee of Indian Federation of Working Journa- . . -

18. Shit Shyam Khosla, Member Political Correspondent, ... Indian Express, New Delhi.
(Nominee of National Union of Journalists (1)

19. Dr. Raman Majumdar, .] Member Jugantar, Calcutta.
(Nominee of National Union of Journalists CD-

Regional language programmes in Channel-II

128. SHRI AJIT P K. JOGI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION A.ND BROADCASTING be pleased *to* state:

(a) whether new programmes are being telecast on Channel-II of Door-dardeshan from April, 1993;

(b) whether regional 'language programmes do not find a place in rhere programmes

(c) if so the reasons'thisrefcr; and

(d) the stepe taken by Govern ment to include regional language programmes?

THE MINISTER OF. STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO); (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Programme in regional languages are* also telecast on Channel 2 of each of the: four MeSros of Door-darshan .

(c) -and (d) Do not arise-. *

Producrtvr of film on the *lafe~trt'* IVfahatma Gandhi,

129. SHRI AJIT P. K. -JOGI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to satate:

(a) whethey Government" propose produes;, an English film entitled 'Stoking of India" on the Life of Mahatma Gandhi with the -collab&ra-vicn of South Africa

(b) whethar thi script of., the film and all other formalities regarding rjroduqtion. of. . film,, have since ..been completed; and

(c) if So; We "approximate cost of production Of trie" film?

THE MINISTER- 'OF -STATE"OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING "(SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO)r (a)-It-lfe proposed

to make a film entitled "MAKING OF A MAHATMA", based on Mahatma Gandhi's formative years in South Africa, when he stated his expert. meets in non-violent satyagraha. The project is to be collaboration between the South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC) and the National Film Development Corporation Ltd. (NFDC). The NFDC is to be the executive producer of the film.

(b) The script of the film is ready. Other formalities such as signing of the agreement - between the NFDC and the SABC, location hunting and casting etc. are under way and would be completed in due course.

'(e) The approximate cost of production of the film is estimated to be Rs. 4 crores out of which the Indian chare will be Rs. 2.5 crores.

Overhauling the Nonelectronic media twits

130. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state.

(a) whether government propose (a) to overhaul the majority of its non-electronic media units on a waifoot-ing; and

.:. '(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER; OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO); (a) No, Sir.

(b.) Does not arise.

Evaluation of working of AIR

131. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will die Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether government hare cow stdered the recommendations of the Standing Committee on Communications (Fifth Report) suggesting evaluation of the present system of working of AIR by an independent outside Agency; and

(b) what steps have been taken by the Ministry in thiB regard?.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) The matter is under consideration.

Children's enrichment experiment through Radio)

132. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state;

(a) what is the aim of the Children's Enrichment Experiment through Radio programme (CHEER;

(b) in how many languages and how many centres have introduced this system; and

c) what is the plan to expand this programme in all languages?

i THIE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. *P.* SINGH DEO): (a) The broad aims and objectives of the programme are annexed as statement. *(See* below)

(b) : AIR, Rohtak Hindi
AIR, Lucknow Hindi
AIR, Cuttack Oriya
AIR, Vishakapatnam — Telugu

(c) Extension of this programme to other All India Radio stations or its broadcast in other languages would depend upon availability ofthe requisite infrastructural facilitiesat the field level.

Statement

(i) To use radio to support and strengthen the teaching by anganwadi workers to help children develop listening skills sad to enhance